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In re application of: Douglas G. Vanderlaan, et al.

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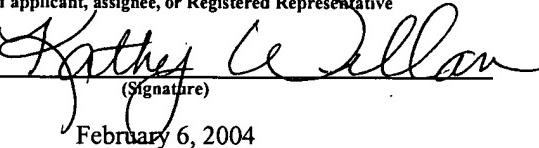
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

**Amendments to the Specification:** there are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.